transaction cost of manufacturing operation and ease the procedural bottlenecks by offering single-window facility to businesses;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have examined the suggestions and taken any decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Government has not received any proposal from the Progress, Harmony and Development Chamber of Commerce and Industry with regard to coordination of functions of various Ministries related with manufacturing sector by a unified body.

Export of iron-ore

†1658. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which are making efforts to receive iron-ore from India;

(b) the details of raw materials which can be imported by India as per its requirement from the relevant countries;

(c) whether Government will hold talks with the relevant countries in this regard and if so, by when;

(d) the names of the countries therein alongwith the quantity of iron-ore being exported to them at present; and

(e) the quantity of raw iron being exported to Japan from Bailadila Mines in district Bastar, Chhattisgarh on the basis of the contract made in this regard alongwith the period of the said contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The major countries which are presently importing iron ore from India are China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Pakistan, European countries etc.

(b) and (c) The possibility of leveraging import of raw materials like coking coal, metallurgical coke etc. from China is availed while negotiating export of iron ore.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) Names of countries to which iron-ore is being exported at present and the quantity exported during 2004-05 is given below:

(Quantity: lakh tonnes)

Country	2004-05
China	593.99
Japan	111.31
South Korea	21.78
Taiwan	6.08
Italy	0.58
Netherland	9.09
Belgium	3.10
Romania	13.02
Pakistan	13.71
Others	8.79
TOTAL	781.45

(Source: MMTC Ltd)

(e) The present Long Term Agreement with Japan for export from Bailadila Mines in district Bastar, Chhattisgarh is from 1st April, 2001 to 31st March, 2006. The annual contracted quantity under the Long Term Agreement from Bailadila Mines ranges from 3.20-4.30 million tonnes. The annual contracted quantities and the performance year-wise is as follows:—

(Qty. Million Tonnes)

Year	Annual Contracted Qty.	Performance
2001	3.35	3.16
2002	3.35	3.26
2003	3.31	3.30
2004	3.15	3.15
2005	3.15	2.74 (as on 28.2.2006)

(Source: MMTC Ltd)